Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Chester Raymond Johnson was born on March 9, 1927, to David and Helen Johnson in Avon, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Chester married Arliss Fees on January 6, 1956, giving life and love to three children: Denise, JoAnn and Donna who presented them with three grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Chester served in the Korean War, was a farmer and worked for the Monastery in Yankton until his retirement and now enjoys fishing, playing games and reading; and,

Whereas, Chester will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on March 10, 2007, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State